

**WAR WON'T HIT U. S.,  
IS EDISON'S BELIEF**

**Expects Allies to Come Out  
Victorious in Two Years  
Because of Resources.**

**WORKS ON 69TH BIRTHDAY**

"My prescription for a long life," Thomas A. Edison laughed heartily and leaned back in his chair today.

his broad chest a pair of arms that looked formidable through the sleeves of a rough working smock. "What's wrong with your eating and cut out your booze," he laughed again.

Yesterday was Mr. Edison's six-ninth birthday anniversary. He spent the day hard at work in his laboratory at West Orange. Mr. Edison always works on his birthday. He worked right up to 6 o'clock last night, however, for yesterday morning the head of the big plant that employs 60,000 men turned the time clock late—as late as 9:15.

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that that man could hold things together. I think that's the only way. Mr. Edison learned about and looked around the new laboratory in which he was working.

"We're going to do some great work here," he said, reflectively. "Some great work for these United States in several ways. If Congress will see that we get that appropriation for the Naval Commission, I think we can do some very general things I want to try out. I think in many years there will make the country a stinkish proposition for any body to tackle."

"I am sure it is to get the big benefit of the country at work. We're doing some good work for the country right now, though not along military lines. Some of the best work I've done is in the

push dyed for American furs, who have been getting their furs from Germany. They're using my black dyestuff, and we've got a lot of good wool. We've got nine plants going on it, and we're starting a tenth."

"I'm going to be prepared," said Mr. Edison was sure that nothing had been developed in the European war that could not be squared for use here. He was going to be ready enough to experiment more along these lines."

"That is your estimate of the length of the war?" Mr. Edison was asked.

"Oh, two years more I should think, and the Allies will win. Why? Oh, because we have more men, more money and more industry than the Germans."

"As to our getting into it, they may be a diplomatic creek with someboddy else, but I believe we'll be about as good as an egg."

There was a small family dinner at night at Mr. Edison's home at Men-

**DANIELS DROPS 82 MIDDIES**

**Keeps Names Secret and Will Permit Boys to Resign.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Senators Daniels to-day approved the recommendations of the academic board of the Naval Academy that eighty-two freshmen who failed in their mid-year examinations last month be dropped from the rolls at Annapolis.

The Secretary has notified the boys involved and has agreed to permit them to resign.

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